

REMARKS

Claims 44-63 are believed to be allowable based on Applicants' review of prior art references cited in the parent application Serial No. 09/965,090. An Information Disclosure Statement is filed currently herewith.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

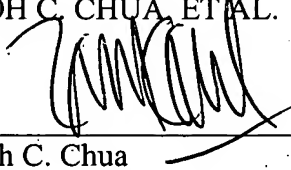
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